19. Do you agree with the view that "The Glass Menagerie" is pathetic but not tragedy? Support your view.

20. "The Scarlet Letter" remains relevant in contemporary discussions about morality, judgment and oppressive force of societal norms. Examine this view.

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23UEN22 — AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

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SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. What is the Frontier in American literature?

2. Which American writers were influenced by Indian thoughts?

3. What are the feelings expressed in the poem, "O Captain! My Captain!"?

4. What are the literary devices found in the poem, "I Could not Stop for Death"?

5. When and where did Martin Luther King Jr. deliver his iconic speech, "I Have A Dream"?

6. Who are the individuals held in the highest regard according to Emerson?

7. What does the Glass Menagerie symbolize?

8. The setting and time of "The Glass Menagerie".

9. Who is the protagonist of "The Scarlet Letter"?

10. What are the central themes and revealed truths in "The Scarlet Letter"?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) What does the term, "The Flowering of New England" refer to?

Or

(b) Explain the "Transcendentalism".

12. (a) What do the birches symbolize in the poem, "Birches"?

Or

(b) Analyse the mood, tone and state of mind of the narrator in Allan Poe's "The Raven".

13. (a) Sum up Martin Luther King's views on civil rights and equality.

Or

(b) What is the significant point in the concluding part of "Self Reliance"?

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14. (a) Evaluate the character of Amanda Wingfield.

Or

(b) Analyse the mother- son relationship in the play, "The Glass Menagerie".

15. (a) Write about the significance of The Scarlet Letter.

Or

(b) Explain the rhetorical choices used in "The Scarlet Letter".

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Make an attempt to explore how Indian thoughts present in the Vedas, the Upanishads and Bhagavadgita influenced a number of writers and philosophers of America.

17. "O Captain, My Captain" depicts the overwhelming grief and trauma that followed the notorious political assassination in the history of U.S. - Discuss.

18. "I Have A Dream" is a rhetorically clever and emotionally powerful call to use nonviolent protest. Substantiate this view.